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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF 50 VIETNAMESE FAMILIES.

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1. IATF HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH STARKIST REGARDING REQUESTED GPNG GUARANTEES (CITED REF A). IATF AND STARKIST ARE CURRENTLY EXPLORING POSSIBLE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INITIAL PERIOD OF TRANSITION IN TO SOCIETY SO AS NOT TO BURDEN GPNG. PENDING APPROVAL, THIS PROPOSAL, STARKIST WOULD FUNCTION AS SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND EMPLOYER FOR VN REFUGEE FISHERMEN RESETTLERS.

2. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY INVESTIGATE HOUSING AVAILABILITY AND REGULATIONS IN RABAL, NEW BRITAIN, KAVEING, NEW IRELAND AND MANUS IN THE ADMIRALITIES. VIETNAMESE FISHERMEN LIVE FRUGUALLY, WORK HARD AND SAVE THEIR MONEY FOR INVESTMENT IN FISHING RELATED ENTERPRISES. THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT NEED TO LIVE IN BRICK AND MORTAR HOUSING. WHAT IS THE AVAILABILITY OF THATCH HOUSING? WOULD THE VIETNAMESE BE PERMITTED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BUILD THATCH HOUSES? ARE THE NECESSARY MATERIALS LOCALLY

AVAILABLE? AT WHAT COST? IF GPNG REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT THEY LIVE IN BRICK AND MORTAR HOUSING, WHAT CAN BE RENTED

AND AT WHAT MONTHLY COST? (FAMILY SIZES ARE FROM 6-8 PERSONS).

3. EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE VIETNAMESE. ANY INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED CITIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. RESPONSE REQUESTED SOONEST AS US RESETTLEMENT CAMPS WILL CLOSE ON DEC 15.

5. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO INFORM DFRT OFFICIAL WM CONROY OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROPOSED PROJECT.
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